

# LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Statistical Data for December 2006

Region 8

February 2007

## DECEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(preliminary not seasonally adjusted)

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AREA	12/06(p)	11/06	12/05
U.S.	4.3%	4.3	4.6
INDIANA	4.7%	4.5%	5.3%
EGR 8*	4.6%	4.3%	5.3%
Bloomington MSA**	4.1%	3.7%	4.8%
Brown	4.7%	4.1%	5.6%
Daviess	3.3%	3.2%	4.2%
Greene	5.3%	5.0%	6.5%
Lawrence	7.2%	6.7%	7.4%
Martin	4.5%	4.4%	5.7%
Monroe	3.7%	3.3%	4.2%
Orange	6.4%	6.3%	7.4%
Owen	4.7%	4.1%	5.7%
Bedford	10.2%	9.2%	10.9%
Bloomington	3.7%	3.5%	4.2%
Linton	7.4%	7.7%	8.6%
Loogootee	6.6%	6.4%	8.5%
Nashville	13.2%	9.2%	17.2%
Paoli	7.6%	7.5%	9.5%
Spencer	13.1%	11.3%	12.9%
Washington	4.5%	4.3%	5.4%



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## REGIONAL, STATE, & METROPOLITAN UNEMPLOYMENT

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported that regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in December. Overall, 17 states recorded over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, 15 states and the District of Columbia registered increases, and 18 states had no change. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 38 states, up in 8 states and the District of Columbia, and unchanged in 4 states.

Mississippi reported the highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in December at 7.5 percent. Hawaii again recorded the lowest rate at 2.0 percent.

Unemployment rates were lower in December than a year earlier in 238 of the 367 metropolitan areas, higher in 99 areas, and unchanged in 30 areas. Forty-nine metropolitan areas registered jobless rates below 3.0 percent while two areas recorded rates of at least 10.0 percent.

Honolulu, Hawaii had the lowest unemployment rate at 1.6 percent (not seasonally adjusted). El Centro, California and Yuma, Arizona—two adjacent, highly agricultural areas—registered the highest jobless rates at 14.5 and 11.2 percent, respectively.

\*EGR 8 includes Brown, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange, and Owen Counties. \*\*Bloomington MSA includes Greene, Monroe, and Owen Counties.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING by COUNTY (High to Low)

RANK – DEC 2006	COUNTY	DEC 2006 RATE (p)
1	Fayette	7.9%
2	Lawrence	7.2%
5	Orange	6.4%
30	Greene	5.3%
48	Brown	4.7%
51	Owen	4.7%
56	Martin	4.5%
84	Monroe	3.7%
87	Daviess	3.3%
92	Hamilton	2.7%

## SURROUNDING STATES DECEMBER 2006

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Preliminary Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Illinois – 3.9% Indiana – 4.7% Kentucky – 4.9% Michigan – 6.9% Ohio – 5.4%

# BLOOMINGTON MSA

(Greene, Monroe, and Owen Counties in Indiana)



## WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

	DEC 2006	NOV 2006	DEC 2005	CHANGE FROM NOV 2006 TO DEC 2006				DEC 2005 TO DEC 2006	
Total Nonfarm	83,800	84,300	84,300	-500	-0.6%	-500	-0.6%		
Goods Producing	13,300	13,500	13,500	-200	-1.5%	-200	-1.5%		
Natural Resources & Construction	4,100	4,300	4,200	-200	-4.7%	-100	-2.4%		
Manufacturing	9,200	9,200	9,300	+0	+0.0%	-100	-1.1%		
Durable Goods	6,700	6,700	6,800	+0	+0.0%	-100	-1.5%		
Service Providing	70,500	70,800	70,800	-300	-0.4%	-300	-0.4%		
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	13,200	13,000	12,900	+200	+1.5%	+300	+2.3%		
Wholesale Trade	2,100	2,100	2,000	+0	+0.0%	+100	+5.0%		
Retail Trade	9,600	9,400	9,400	+200	+2.1%	+200	+2.1%		
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	1,500	1,500	1,500	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%		
Information Services	1,200	1,200	1,200	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%		
Financial Activities	2,900	2,900	3,000	+0	+0.0%	-100	-3.3%		
Professional & Business Services	6,600	6,600	6,600	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%		
Educational & Health Services	9,900	9,900	9,800	+0	+0.0%	+100	+1.0%		
Leisure & Hospitality Services	7,800	7,900	8,000	-100	-1.3%	-200	-2.5%		
Other Services	3,000	2,900	2,900	+100	+3.4%	+100	+3.4%		
Government	25,900	26,400	26,400	-500	-1.9%	-500	-1.9%		
Federal Government	500	600	500	-100	-16.7%	+0	+0.0%		
State Government	18,800	19,200	19,100	-400	-2.1%	-300	-1.6%		
Local Government	6,600	6,600	6,800	+0	+0.0%	-200	-2.9%		
Local Government Education	3,600	3,600	3,800	+0	+0.0%	-200	-5.3%		

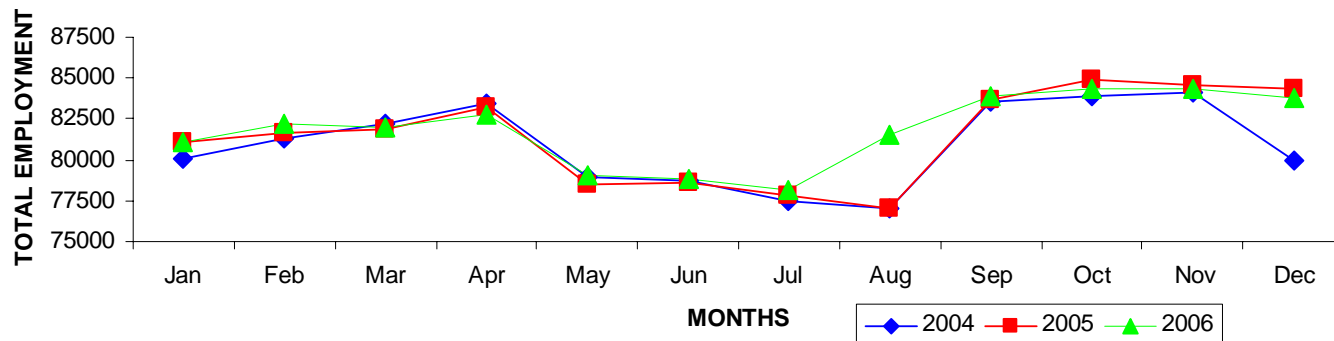
### BLOOMINGTON MSA WAGE & SALARIED EMPLOYMENT JANUARY – DECEMBER 2006



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
TOTAL NONFARM	81,100	82,200	82,000	82,800	79,000	78,800	78,200	81,500	83,900	84,400	84,300	83,800
Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction	3,900	3,900	3,900	4,200	4,300	4,400	4,500	4,400	4,400	4,400	4,300	4,100
Manufacturing	9,100	9,200	9,200	9,200	9,300	9,400	9,400	9,300	9,200	9,100	9,200	9,200
Trade, Transportation, Mining, & Utilities	12,300	12,300	12,300	12,500	12,600	12,700	12,600	12,600	12,600	12,600	13,000	13,200
Information Services	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Financial Activities	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,000	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900
Professional & Business Services	6,400	6,400	6,500	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,700	6,600	6,600
Educational & Health Services	9,500	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,800	9,900	9,900	9,900
Leisure & Hospitality	7,700	7,800	7,800	8,000	7,900	7,600	7,600	7,600	8,000	8,000	7,900	7,800
Other Services	2,800	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,000
Government	25,300	25,900	25,600	25,600	21,400	21,200	20,600	24,100	26,300	26,700	26,400	25,900

Notes for both tables: Current month data are preliminary. Data are rounded and may not add to total. Data are based on 2005 benchmark and subject to benchmarking in 2007.  
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics Program in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## BLOOMINGTON MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

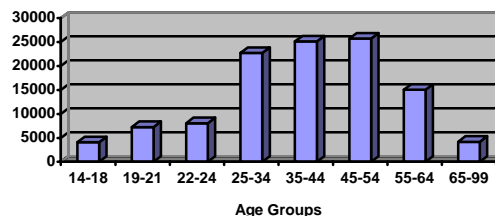


## LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is:

<http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>.

## Economic Growth Region 8 Total Employment by Age Groups, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2005



14-18	19-21	22-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-99
4,073	7,269	8,073	22,719	25,105	25,716	15,045	4,185

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Local Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD), Local Employment Dynamics (LED), Industry Focus, 4<sup>th</sup> 2005.

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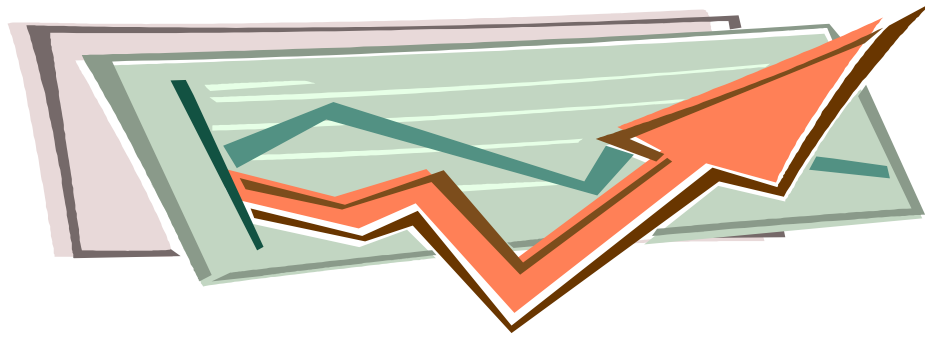
Unadjusted percent change to December 2006 from:

	December 05	November 06
<b>U.S. City Average</b>		
<b>All Items</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>.1%</b>
Food & Beverages	2.2%	.1%
Housing	3.3%	.1%
Apparel	.9%	-2.5%
Transportation	1.6%	.9%
Medical Care	3.6%	.0%
Recreation	1.0%	-.4%
Education & Communication	2.3%	-.1%
Other Goods & Services	3.0%	.7%
<b>Midwest Region (All Items)*</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>.1%</b>



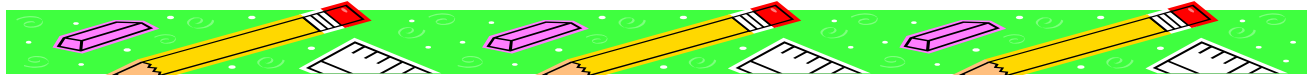
\*Midwest Region = Midwest Urban Average. Expenditure categories are not available on a regional basis. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



## MONTHLY COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE TOTAL ALL CLAIMS FILED

<u>Local Office</u>	<u>Dec. 2006</u>	<u>Nov. 2006</u>	<u>Dec. 2005</u>	<u>Previous Month % Change</u>	<u>Previous Year % Change</u>
Bedford	5,907	4,836	5,798	22.1%	1.9%
Bloomington	7,724	4,926	7,452	56.8%	3.7%
Linton	2,301	1,817	2,605	26.6%	-11.7%
<b>INDIANA</b>	<b>298,213</b>	<b>241,826</b>	<b>286,068</b>	<b>23.3%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>



## Region 8 Job Openings

The following hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 8 (Bedford, Bloomington, and Linton) received during December 2006. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software. Occupations are listed in descending order based on number of openings.

### SELECTED DECEMBER 2006 JOB OPENINGS & STARTING WAGES FOR REGION 8

OCCUPATIONAL TITLES	MINIMUM WAGE	AVERAGE WAGE	MAXIMUM WAGE
Cashiers	\$5.15	\$6.97	\$9.45
Hand Packers & Packagers	7.00	9.06	12.00
Production Helpers	7.00	8.33	8.75
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	7.00	9.88	12.00
Stock Clerks, Sales Floor	5.15	5.26	7.00
Assemblers	8.40	8.44	8.75
General Office Clerks	6.00	6.44	7.00
Machine Assemblers	8.40	8.44	8.75
Production Laborers	7.00	8.27	8.40
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	5.15	7.17	10.00
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	5.15	9.97	17.00
Tellers	5.63	7.60	8.78
Packaging/Filling Machine Operators	8.50	9.75	12.00
Cooks: Specialty Fast Food	5.15	5.93	9.00
Food Preparation & Service Workers	\$5.15	\$6.73	\$9.92



## Region 8 APPLICANT POOL

December 31, 2006



The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Applicant Pool** provides a numerical ranking of the top jobs being sought by applicants.

<u>REGION 11 JOB TITLES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF APPLICANTS</u>
Assemblers	3068
Production Laborers	1885
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	1070
Cashiers, General	1053
All Other Machine Operators	1042
General Office Clerks	1040
All Other Hand Workers	1039
Production Helpers	967
Hand Packers & Packagers	960
Receptionists & Information Clerks	840
File Clerks	790
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	736
All Other Precision Assemblers	714
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	674
Administrative Assistants	665
Helpers: Other Construction Trades	664
Order Fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	649
Laborers, Landscaping & Groundskeeping	648
Secretaries – Other	603
Salespersons: Retail	602

The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Applicant Pool on the Site Map/Index.



## ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 8\* WAGE DEMAND

The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between job applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the applicants' desired wages and the number of applicants registered in CS3. The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. Applicants define their wage expectations for the work that they would like to obtain. An average wage demand and median wage demand are calculated for the selected geographical area. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Wage Demand on the Site Map/Index. \*EGR 8 includes Brown, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange, and Owen Counties.



<b>AREA (12/31/06)</b>	<b>Average Annual Wage Demand</b>	<b>Median Annual Wage Demand</b>	<b>Number of Applicants</b>
<b>EGR 8</b>	<b>\$21,962</b>	<b>\$17,680</b>	<b>9,117</b>
Brown	\$27,342	\$21,840	326
Daviess	\$19,236	\$17,680	521
Greene	\$18,505	\$16,640	1,552
Lawrence	\$22,720	\$18,720	2,175
Martin	\$21,071	\$18,720	213
Monroe	\$22,198	\$17,472	2,940
Orange	\$26,865	\$18,720	643
Owen	\$21,811	\$18,720	747



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ALL ITEMS

2006 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	<u>CPI-U</u> <u>ANNUAL AVERAGE</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>CPI-U</u> <u>ANNUAL AVERAGE</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>CPI-U %</u> <u>CHANGE FROM</u> <u>2005-2006</u>
<b>U.S. City Average</b>			
<b>All Items</b>	<b>195.3</b>	<b>201.3</b>	<b>3.2%</b>
Food & Beverages	191.2	195.7	2.4%
Housing	195.7	203.2	3.8%
Apparel	119.5	119.5	.0%
Transportation	173.9	180.9	4.0%
Medical Care	323.2	336.2	4.0%
Recreation	109.4	110.9	1.4%
Education & Communication	113.7	116.8	2.7%
Other Goods & Services	313.4	321.7	2.6%
<b>Midwest Region (All Items)*</b>	<b>188.4</b>	<b>193.0</b>	<b>2.5%</b>

\*Midwest Region = Midwest Urban Average. Expenditure categories are not available on a regional basis. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



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## 2006 OCCUPATIONS & STARTING WAGES REPORT AVAILABLE

Indiana Economic Growth Region 8's Occupations and Starting Wages Report for 2006 is now available. This report provides minimum, average, and maximum starting wage data for job openings listed with local area WorkOne offices. If you would like a copy of this publication, you may download the report from our web site at <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov>. Please 'Select a Region' from the map toward the bottom left side of the page; you will then find a link to Regional Publications. If you do not have access to the Internet, you may email [cboatman@dwd.in.gov](mailto:cboatman@dwd.in.gov) or call Cathy Boatman at (812) 424-4473 extension 237.

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